



FIVB WORLD LEAGUE PREVIEWS WEEK 3 – JULY 1-3, 2016

Pool G1: Brazil - Poland (1 July)

Head-to-Head

- Brazil have won 23 of their 33 World League matches against Poland.
- The last time they met in the World League was in 2014, when both teams won two times.
- In the same year 2014, Poland beat Brazil 3-1 in the final of the World Championships. This is their most recent meeting at a major tournament.
- The Brazilians have only played (38) and won (28) more World League matches against United States.
- For Poland, Brazil are their most common opponent. The next teams they faced the most are USA and Russia, both 23.

Brazil

- Brazil are currently second in Group 1 behind Serbia, after winning five of their six matches in the 2016 World League.
- They have won 11 of their last 12 matches at major tournaments, only losing against Serbia in this year's World League.
- Ricardo Lucarelli Santos De Souza has scored 93 points in the 2016 World League, including 14 aces.
- Wallace De Souza has added 83 points, including 11 blocks.

Poland

- Poland are ninth in Group 1 after winning two of their six World League matches in 2016.
- They have lost seven of their last nine matches in the World League.
- Bartosz Kurek is Poland's top scorer with 63 points. Bartosz Bednorz has added 52 points.
- As setter, Grzegorz Lomacz has an average of 9.2 per set, second highest in Group 1 after Benjamin Toniutti (FRA, 10.8).



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Pool G1: France - Belgium (1 July)

Head-to-Head

- Belgium beat France 3-2 in the 2016 World League on 19 June. Their only other meeting at the World League came in the Group 2 semifinals in 2014, which France won in straight sets.
- Belgium can beat France two times in a row for the first time in a major competition.

France

- France have lost two matches in the 2016 World League, already one more than in their gold medal winning campaign 2015.
- One of these defeats was against Belgium on 19 June.
- France's last five wins in the World League have been straight-set victories. Their last two defeats came after five sets.
- Antonin Rouzier has scored 71 points in the 2016 World League.
- Benjamin Toniutti has the highest average as setter in Group 1: 10.8 per set.
- Jenia Grebennikov has registered 81 digs, most of all players.

Belgium

- Belgium have won three matches and lost three in the 2016 World League.
- Belgium can win back-to-back competitive matches for the first time this year.
- Gert Van Walle has scored 90 points in the 2016 World League, including 76 spikes.
- Simon Van De Voorde has recorded 18 stuff blocks, most all players in Group 1.



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Pool H1: Australia - Russia (1 July)

Head-to-Head

- Russia have a perfect record against Australia in the World League, with four wins out of four meetings.
- The last time these teams met in the World League was in 1999, when Russia beat Australia four times in the Intercontinental Round.
- Russia and Australia most recently clashed at the 2015 World Cup, when Russia won in straight sets.

Australia

- Australia have yet to win their first match at the 2016 World League (L6).
- Australia have lost 12 of their last 13 World League matches and are winless in their last six since a 3-2 win over Serbia in their final match of last year's edition.
- Australia can lose seven World League matches in a row for the second time after a 14-match losing streak between 1999 and 2014, a run that included four defeats against Russia.
- Australia's next win will be their 10th victory in the World League.
- Paul Carroll is Australia's top scorer this World League campaign with 75 points (70 spikes).

Russia

- Russia have recorded three wins and three defeats in the 2016 World League. All their three defeats came in straight sets.
- The last time Russia lost two World League matches in a row, both by a 3-0 scoreline, was in May 1997 (against Cuba).
- Only one of Russia's last 16 World League matches ended in five sets, as they lost 3-2 to Poland on 20 June 2015.
- Dmitriy Muserskiy (63) and Egor Kliuka (62) are Russia's top scorers at the 2016 World League.



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Pool H1: United States - Bulgaria (1 July)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the 16th match between United States and Bulgaria in the World League. Bulgaria have the upper hand with nine wins.
- USA have won six matches against Bulgaria, with five of these six wins coming in their last seven encounters.
- The last time these two teams faced each other in any major competition was in the 2014 World League, when USA won the first three meetings before Bulgaria won the last encounter 3-2.

United States

- USA have won five of their six matches this World League season.
- They can win four matches in a row in the World League for the first time since a run of nine wins in 2014-2015.
- USA can claim two successive 3-0 wins for the first time since 2014 (Russia, Serbia).
- Matthew Anderson has scored 95 points, only Bulgaria's Tsvetan Sokolov has scored more points in the 2016 World League (108).

Bulgaria

- Bulgaria have lost their last seven World League matches, including all six in 2016.
- They lost their first seven matches in the 2014 World League, with three of these defeats coming against USA.
- Tsvetan Sokolov is the top scorer in Group 1 with 108 points (96 spikes). He is the only player to have scored more than 100 points.
- Viktor Yosifov has added 14 stuff blocks.



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Pool I1: Iran - Serbia (1 July)

Head-to-Head

- Iran and Serbia will meet for the fourth time in the World League. Serbia claimed their second win against Iran last week, 3-1.
- They also faced each other twice in 2013, with both teams winning a match in five sets.

Iran

- Iran have won two and lost four of their six World League matches in 2016.
- They lost 3-1 against Serbia last week and could lose two successive matches against a single opponent. In 2015, they lost back-to-back World League matches two times, against Poland and against United States.
- Shahram Mahmoudi is Iran's highest scoring player in the 2016 World League, with 72 points.

Serbia

- Serbia are leading Group 1 with a perfect record after six matches. This is their best start to a World League campaign.
- Serbia have now won their last seven competitive matches.
- Srecko Lisinac is Serbia's top scorer in the 2016 World League with 79 points, including 14 aces.
- Lisinac and Iran's Seyed Mohammad Mousavi Eraghi have both registered 13 stuff blocks.



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Pool I1: Italy - Argentina (1 July)

Head-to-Head

- Italy have won 10 of their 15 World League matches against Argentina.
- Italy won only two of their first six encounters with Argentina (1998-2000), but they have since won eight of their next nine clashes (2000-2013).
- Italy won their most recent encounter, 3-2 (16-14 fifth set) at the 2015 World Cup.
- Argentina's last win was a 3-1 victory at the 2014 World Championship.

Italy

- Italy have won four of their six World League matches in 2016. All their matches have resulted in a 3-0 score (W4-L2).
- They won five of their first seven matches in last year's World League. Only one of those wins was a straight-set victory, against Australia on 14 June 2015.
- Luca Vettori has scored a team-high 82 points in the 2016 World League.
- Ivan Zaytsev has an average of 52.9 as receiver. Argentina's Alexis Gonzalez has recorded an average of 53 so far in the 2016 World League.

Argentina

- Argentina can win three matches in a row for the first time in the 2016 World League. They lost their first four matches this campaign.
- Their longest winning streak in the 2015 World League was a three-match run with wins against Bulgaria and Canada (2) in June 2015.
- Cristian Poglajen is Argentina's top scorer in the 2016 World League with 84 points, including nine aces.
- Sebastian Solé has 16 stuff blocks, second most in Group 1 after Simon Van De Voorde (BEL, 18).